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For: PROCESS AND PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF UREA WITH HIGH
CONVERSION YIELD AND LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2003. A Petition for a three month extension of time is being concurrently filed, making a response due on or before August 12, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 7-15 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability for the subject matter of claims 7-9, 11-13 and 15.

Claims 10 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,441,579 to Van Wijck in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,232,982 to Finneran et al.